GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation can conduct investigation into offences committed in India;

(b) if so, the parameters laid down in this regard;

(c) the number of FBI officers and staff posted in India at present;

(d) whether the permission of the Government is necessary before such staff is posted in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) The Legal Attache Office in the Embassy of the United States, manned by FBI officials, does not carry out independent investigations into offences committed in India as per parameters laid down by Government.

(c) The Legal Attache Office in the US Embassy in New Delhi is manned by two FBI officers.

(d) & (e) The posting of such officers to India is processed as per standard diplomatic procedures for posting and accreditation of diplomatic officials of foreign mission in India.